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SUBJECT: 57TH ECOSOC - ECONOMIC COMMITTEE DEBATE ON

ITEM 14, SECOND DEVELOPMENT DECADE

SUMMARY. ECONOMIC COMMITTEE HAS COMPLETED GENERAL DEBATE ON ITEM 14 (SECOND DEVELOPMENT DECADE). UNDER SUB-ITEM (A), REPORT OF COMMITTEE FOR DEVELOPMENT PLANNING RECEIVED FAVORABLE COMMENTS FROM BOTH DEVELOPED (INCLUDING U.S.) AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, WITH PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO BALANCED, "PEOPLE-ORIENTED" INDUSTRIALIZATION AND "INTERNATIONAL DIVISION OF LABOR." UNDER SUB-ITEM (B) THERE WAS WIDE RECOGNITION NEED FOR SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, BUT ONLY LIMITED SUPPORT FOR SPECIAL FUND, WITH U.S. AMONG THOSE CALLING FOR USE OF EXISTING MACHINERY. RE SUB-ITEM (C) THERE WAS EVEN LESS SUPPORT FOR SEPARATE TREATMENT AND SPECIAL FUND FOR LAND-LOCKED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, WITH U.S. AMONG THOSE CALLING FOR MORE DATA AND FOR NO FURTHER ACTION PENDING REVIEW BY TRADE DEVELOPMENT BOARD IN AUGUST. SUB-ITEM (D) (MID-TERM REVIEW) COVERED IN SEPTTEL. END SUMMARY.

1. ECONOMIC COMMITTEE ON JULY 12 COMPLETED GENERAL DEBATE

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ON ITEM 14 (SECOND DEVELOPMENT DECADE), INVOLVING FOUR

DAYS AND SOME 46 STATEMENTS. NO RESOLUTIONS YET TABLED.

2. ON SUB-ITEM (A) (DEVELOPMENT PLANNING AND PROJECTIONS), REPORT OF COMMITTEE FOR DEVELOPMENT PLANNING RECEIVED FAVORABLE COMMENTS FROM BOTH DEVELOPING AND DEVELOPED COUNTRIES ALIKE, INCLUDING "SOCIALIST" CAMP. POINTS THAT ATTRACTED PARTICULAR ATTENTION WERE DEFENSE OF INDUSTRIALIZATION GEARED TO LOCAL CONDITIONS, BALANCED WITH AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT AND "PEOPLE ORIENTED"; AS WELL AS CONCEPTS OF INTERDEPENDENCE AND "INTERNATIONAL DIVISION OF LABOR." SOVS, EE'S AND CHINA, OF COURSE, HAD TO INSERT ELEMENT OF COLONIALIST AND CAPITALIST COUNTRIES' SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY TO REDRESS SINS OF PAST, AND SOVS AND EE'S ADDED THAT STATE AND COOPERATIVE SECTORS SHOULD NOT BE IGNORED.

3. U.S. (TANK), IN COMMENDING C.D.P. REPORT AND EXEC SEC MOSAK'S PRESENTATION, IDENTIFIED CERTAIN ASPECTS OF REPORT WE CONSIDERED PARTICULARLY SIGNIFICANT: (A) IMPORTANCE OF INDUSTRIALIZATION ON "PEOPLE ORIENTED" PATTERN, TOGETHER WITH IMPORTANCE OF AGRICULTURE, LEADING TO BETTER AND MORE EQUITABLE LIFE FOR WHOLE POPULATIONS; (B) GEOGRAPHIC DISPERSION OF INDUSTRIALIZATION IN SMALLER URBAN AND RURAL CENTERS TO ACHIEVE GREATER INCOME DISTRIBUTION; (C) LINKAGE BETWEEN INDUSTRY AND AGRICULTURE, AND GREATER EMPHASIS ON LABOR INTENSIVE INDUSTRY AND EXPORTS; (D) ATTENTION TO REGIONAL MARKETS; AND (E) CONCEPT OF INTERNATIONAL DIVISION OF LABOR.

4. RE SUB-ITEM (B) (SPECIAL MEASURES FOR LEAST DEVELOPED) VIRTUALLY ALL SPEAKERS RECOGNIZED NEED FOR SPECIAL ATTENTION, AND THERE WAS GENERAL EXPRESSION OF SATISFACTION AT LARGE NUMBER OF U.N. AGENCIES ACTING ON PROBLEM, PARTICULARLY UNDP DECISION TO DEVOTE 25 PERCENT TO LEAST DEVELOPED AS WELL AS IBRD AND IDA EMPHASIS. CREATION SPECIAL FUND FOR LEAST DEVELOPED RECEIVED ONLY LIMITED SUPPORT.

THOSE SPEAKING IN FAVOR WERE YUGOSLAVIA, IRAN, UGANDA, MALI, IVORY COAST, (WITH PROVISIO THAT CONTRIBUTIONS BE UNCLASSIFIED

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VOLUNTARY), AND PAKISTAN AND INDIA (BOTH WITH PROVISIO THAT CONTRIBUTIONS SHOULD BE ADDITIONAL). THOSE SPEAKING AGAINST WERE FRG, UK, AUSTRALIA, JAPAN AND BY IMPLICATION FINLAND, FRANCE AND THAILAND, SAYING NEW MACHINERY NOT NEEDED. OTHERS (INCLUDING OTHER EE'S AND CHINA) SIDESTEPED ISSUE BY SIMPLY CALLING FOR GREATER EMPHASIS.

5. U.S. (TANK) COMMENDED SECRETARIAT DOCUMENT AND PARTICIPATION 23 U.N. ORGANIZATIONS. RECOGNIZED NEED FOR SPECIAL ASSISTANCE BUT STATED EMPHASIS HAS BEEN TOO UNIQUELY PLACED ON FINANCIAL RESOURCES WHILE EVEN MORE IMPORTANT ARE TRAINING, INSTITUTION-BUILDING AND PLANNING, WHICH MAY BE REGARDED AS PRECONDITIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THESE COUNTRIES. AGREED WITH CERTAIN OTHER SPEAKERS THAT DONORS SOMETIMES HAVE DIFFICULTY IN FINDING SUITABLE PROJECTS AND IN COLLECTING NEEDED INFORMATION. HENCE MULTILATERAL AND BILATERAL ASSISTANCE NEEDED TO HELP MEET THESE DIFFICULTIES. DIFFERED WITH ONE SPEAKER'S COMMENTS THAT ASSISTANCE SHARE FOR LEAST DEVELOPED WAS STAGNANT, CITING MULTILATERAL AND BILATERAL STATISTICS TO CONTRARY, INCLUDING U.S. PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PROGRAMS AND GREATER FLEXIBILITY IN FORMER WITH RESPECT CONTRACTING PROCEDURES, LOCAL COSTS, ETC. OPPOSED ESTABLISHING SPECIAL FUND, AND QUESTIONED MEANING OF "ADDITIONALITY" PROVISIO. HE CALLED INSTEAD FOR USE OF EXISTING INSTITUTIONS; EXPANDED TRADE; AND SUGGESTED PRIORITY ATTENTION TO GIVEN TO USE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY TO DISCOVER NEW RESOURCES AS QUICKEST WAS FOR RAPID DEVELOPMENT.

6. UNDER SUB-ITEM (C) (SPECIAL MEASURES FOR LANDLOCKED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES), SECRETARIAT'S REPORT CAME IN FOR CONSIDERABLE CRITICISM FROM SEVERAL SPEAKERS, QUESTIONING VALIDITY OF STATISTICS ON ADDITIONAL TRANSPORTATION COSTS, CRITICIZING ABSENCE OF RECOMMENDATIONS, AND STATING NEED FOR PRIOR CONSIDERATION BY TRADE DEVELOPMENT BOARD. INDIA AND PAKISTAN, CONCERTING CLOSELY, WERE PARTICULARLY CRITICAL ON THESE SCORES. MOREOVER, WHILE ACKNOWLEDGING SPECIAL PROBLEMS, A NUMBER OF SPEAKERS QUESTIONED BASIC THESIS THAT LANDLOCKED STATUS CREATED SPECIAL CATEGORY TATHER THAN SIMPLY ADDITIONAL

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FACTOR IN UNDERDEVELOPMENT, AND SEVERAL POINTED OUT THAT MOST COUNTRIES LISTED WERE ALSO IN LEAST DEVELOPED LIST. ONLY SPEAKERS FAVORING SPECIAL FUND FOR LANDLOCKED WERE BOLIVIA, UGANDA, MALI, AND USSR (THE SAST AGAIN WITH PROVISIO THAT CONTRIBUTIONS BE VOLUNTARY). THOSE SPEAKING AGAINST WERE FRG, AUSTRALIA, UK, JAPAN AND BY IMPLICATION FRANCE, ITALY, THAILAND, AND U.S.

7. U.S. (TANK) JOINED IN MENTIONING TWO-THIRDS OF LANDLOCKED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ALSO IN LEAST DEVELOPED CATEGORY. AGREED THAT COMPARATIVE DATA WAS NEEDED ON TRANSPORTATION COSTS AND THAT REPORT AND OTHER DATA SHOULD BE REVIEWED BY TRADE DEVELOPMENT BOARD IN AUGUST SESSION; SUGGESTED THIS INCLUDE PENDING STUDIES ON REGIONAL TRANSIT REQUIREMENTS, STANDARDIZATION, AND

PROGRAM FOR REDUCING TRANSIT COSTS. ALSO NOTED THAT RECOMMENDATIONS LACKING. HE THEREFORE AGREED WITH INDIA AND PAKISTAN THAT REPORT SHOULD SIMPLY BE NOTED AT THIS TIME WITHOUT FURTHER ACTION.

7. AUSTRALIA AND FIJI CALLED FOR NEW CATEGORY OF DEVELOPING STATES DESERVING SPECIAL ATTENTION, NAMELY SMALL ISLAND STATES.

8. SUB-ITEM 14 (D) (MID-TERM REVIEW AND APPRAISAL) FOLLOWS IN SEPTEL. DALE

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